

The Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities shall choose its own chairman.”

Sec. 2. G.S. 35-74 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

“§ 35-74. *Function of Council; meetings; annual report to Governor.*—The function of the Council on Developmental Disabilities shall be as follows:

(1) To provide advice to the agency designated to administer Public Law 91-517, the Developmental Disabilities and Facilities Construction Admendments of 1970, and to all other State agencies as will facilitate the implementation of the State Plan in order that the requirements of Public Law 91-517 may be fulfilled.

(2) To study ways and means of promoting public understanding of developmental disabilities; to consider the need for new State programs and laws in the field of developmental disabilities; and to make recommendations to and advise the Governor on matters relating to developmental disabilities.

(3) To prepare and submit a plan describing the quality, extent and scope of services being provided, or to be provided, to persons with developmental disabilities in North Carolina.

(4) To coordinate the programs of all State agencies which provide services for persons with developmental disabilities in order to prevent duplication and overlapping of services.

(5) To review those portions of the budgets of all State agencies which provide services for persons with developmental disabilities prior to their submission to the Advisory Budget Commission and to present its findings and recommendations to the Advisory Budget Commission.

The Council shall meet at least four times a year and shall file an annual report with the Governor.”

Sec. 3. Article 12 of Chapter 35 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by inserting therein a new section to be numbered G.S. 35-74.1 and to read as follows:

“§ 35-74.1. *Definitions.*—(1) The term ‘developmental disabilities’, as it is used in this statute, means such disabilities as are attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, physically disabled, or other neurological conditions of individuals which are found to be closely related to mental retardation or which require treatment similar to that required for mentally retarded individuals, which disability originates before such individual attains age eighteen, which has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and which constitutes a substantial handicap to such individual.

(2) The term ‘services for persons with developmental disabilities’, as it is used in this statute, means specialized services or special adaptations of generic services directed toward the alleviation of a developmental disability or toward the social, personal, physical, or economic habilitation or rehabilitation of an individual with such a disability, and such term includes diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, personal care, daycare, domiciliary care, special living arrangements, training, education, sheltered employment, recreation, counseling of the individual with such a disability and of his family, protective and other social and socio-legal services, information and referral services, follow-along services, and transportation services necessary to assure delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Sec. 4. The term “Council on Mental Retardation” wherever it appears in G.S. 35-75, G.S. 35-76 and G.S. 35-77 shall be changed so that it will read “Council on Developmental Disabilities.”